

Claims

1. A device (11) for generating fragrances having a steam generator (38), a main steam line (39) extending from the steam generator to a steam outlet (41), and a vessel (13), within which a receptacle (26) for scent carriers (28) is arranged, where a steam supply line (15) from the steam generator is routed into the vessel and steam exiting therefrom heats the scent carrier in order to instigate, or enhance, the evolution of fragrance.
2. A device according to claim 1, wherein steam exiting the steam supply line (15) is conducted directly to the scent carrier (28), where a steam exhaust line (16) exits the vessel (13) in order to conduct away steam that has been saturated with scent.
3. A device according to claim 2, wherein the receptacle is configured similarly to a sieve, or mesh, is permeable to steam and, in particular, is a sieve (26) that serves as a carrier sieve.
4. A device according to claim 1, wherein steam from the steam supply line (15) is conducted to the receptacle (26), without its coming into contact with the scent carriers (26), where the fragrance, or scent, liberated from the scent carriers is conducted directly into the steam room and the receptacle (26) is preferably impervious to steam.
5. A device according to any of the foregoing claims, wherein the steam supply line (15) exiting the steam generator (38) is a bypass line (40), where most of the steam is conducted to the steam outlet (41) by the main steam line (40).

6. A device according to any of the foregoing claims, wherein the steam supply line (15) is routed directly to the vessel (13) and indirectly to the receptacle (26) for scent carriers (28), and is preferably directed toward the interior of the receptacle.

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7. A device according to any of the foregoing claims having facilities for capping the steam supply line (15) entering the vessel (13), or the receptacle (26), preferably using a separate cap (21), where, in particular, the cap may be moved over an aperture on the steam supply line (15) entering the vessel, from outside the vessel.

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8. A device according to any of the foregoing claims having an insert (20) situated within the vessel (13) that has a baseplate (21), where the baseplate overlaps the aperture on the steam supply line (15) and has an aperture (22) that may be brought into partial, or accurate, coincidence with the opening therein by rotating the baseplate, where, preferably, a detenting device, with which a rotation thereof through certain angles may be preset, is provided.

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9. A device according to any of the foregoing claims, wherein the height of the aperture on the steam supply line (15) entering the vessel (13) exceeds that of the aperture on the steam exhaust line (16) exiting the vessel.

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10. A device according to any of the foregoing claims, wherein the vessel (13) may be capped, where it preferably may be capped by a lid (30) that may be released and opens at a certain overpressure.

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11. A device according to claim 10, wherein the lid (30) has a broad rim (31) that overhangs the cross-section of the vessel (13), where the rim preferably has an increased wall thickness.

5 12. A device according to claim 10 or claim 11, wherein the lid (30) is convexly domed and has a laterally broadened section (33) and an increased wall thickness on its upper end, where a neck (32) is preferably formed between its laterally broadened section and its lower section.

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13. A device according to claim 12, wherein the broadened section (33) on the upper end of the lid is broad enough that it will extend into the interior of the vessel when the lid (30) is inverted and placed atop the vessel (13), where the broadened section thereof preferably abuts against the vessel's inner surface and forms a seal therewith.

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14. A device according of any of claims 10 - 13, wherein the lid (30) has a recess (35) in its interior extending nearly up to the lid's upper surface, where the recess preferably lies within the vessel (13) when the lid is inverted and placed atop the vessel in order to form the receptacle.

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15. A device according of any of claims 10 - 14, wherein a prong (24), which preferably extends upward and serves as a handgrip for use in removing the lid (30), is arranged on the latter.

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16. A device according to any of the foregoing claims, wherein the receptacle (26) may be removed from the vessel (13).

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